

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q. *When do I have to register?***

**A.** According to Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) 15-802:

"Section C. An affidavit of intent shall be filed within **thirty days** from the time the child begins to attend a private school or home school and is not required thereafter unless the private school or the home school instruction is terminated and then resumed. The person who has custody of the child shall notify the county school superintendent within thirty days of the termination that the child is no longer being instructed at a private school or a home school. If the private school or home school instruction is resumed, the person who has custody of the child shall file another affidavit of intent with the county school superintendent within thirty days."

**Q. *How do I register?***

**A.** ARS 15-802 states:

"Section 2. If the child will attend a private school or home school, file an **affidavit of intent** with the county school superintendent stating that the child is attending a regularly organized private school or is being provided with instruction in a home school. The affidavit of intent shall include:

- (a) The child's name.
- (b) The child's date of birth.
- (c) The current address of the school the child is attending.
- (d) The names, telephone numbers and addresses of the persons who currently have custody of the child."

Please also refer to ARS 15-828 for proof of birth requirements:

"Section B. If a child is instructed at home pursuant to section 15-802, the person who has custody of the child shall, within thirty days after the home instruction begins, provide to the county school superintendent of the county in which the child resides one of the following:

1. A **certified** copy of the child's birth certificate.
2. Other reliable proof of the child's identity and age, including the child's baptismal certificate, an application for a social security number or original school registration records **AND** an affidavit explaining the inability to provide a copy of the birth certificate."

Both the Affidavit of Intent **AND** the proof of birth need to be submitted to the Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools' Office in order for the student to be registered as a home schooled student. We **cannot** accept photocopied birth certificates.

**Q. *What do I do if I move?***

**A.** If you move out of Maricopa County, you will need to submit a pupil withdrawal form so your record of home schooling in this County may be removed.

**Q. *Are the records kept confidential?***

**A.** Yes. Any requests for copies of Affidavits must be done in writing by the parent or person who has custody of the child.

***Q. Where can I get a certified birth certificate?***

**A.** Certified birth certificates can be obtained from the Department of Vital Records. You may find Vital Records Information for Arizona on the following website:  
<http://www.azdhs.gov/vitalrcd/index.htm>.

***Q. Where do I get books/curricula?***

**A.** Look for school supply venues in your community and/or view our Home School Resource Directory for support groups and other resources that may help guide you in your curriculum development process.

***Q. Can my child take a course at a public school?***

**A.** Contact the school district office of your residence to get their policies on accepting home schooled students into certain courses, and any requirements that may be expected.

***Q. How does my child get a high school diploma/GED?***

**A.** In order to obtain an accredited diploma, you need to use an accredited online or correspondence program as your home school curriculum. After the student has completed the program, a diploma will be issued to the student. For a listing of accredited programs, please refer to our Resource Directory, as there are a couple of programs listed there. For more programs, or to check on the accreditation of a specific program, call the NCA Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement at 1-800-525-9517.

For GED information, please call the Arizona Department of Education's GED information line at 602-258-2410 ext. 222.

***Q. What about required testing?***

**A.** In reference to ARS 15-745:

"Section A. Nothing in this article shall be construed to require the testing of children who are instructed in a home school program while they are receiving home school instruction."

***Q. What if my child has special needs or requires special education?***

**A.** Refer to ARS 15-763:

"Section D. If federal monies are provided to a school district or a charter school for special education services to home schooled or private schooled pupils, the school district or charter school shall provide the services to both the home schooled pupils and the private schooled pupils in the same manner."